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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/555,343; 371(c) Date: November 1, 2005
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For: **Freeze-Dried Preparation Containing Methylcobalamin and Process
For Producing Same**
Inventors: KATO *et al.*
Our Ref: 1089.0590000/MAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$130.00 to cover:
\$130.00 One (1) month Extension of Time fee (large entity);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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